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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
Junko AMI et al. : EXAMINER:  
SERIAL NO.: 10/073,281 :  
FILED: February 13, 2002 : GROUP ART UNIT:  
FOR: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR :  
COMMUNICATING PACKETS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENT  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Provisional Application mailed March 8, 2002, please find enclosed a Letter Requesting Approval of Drawing Changes and the drawing for Figure 14.

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application.

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, it is noted the correct drawing corresponding to Figures 13 and 14 have been filed on February 13, 2002. However, the legend of Figure 14 mistakenly refers to Figure 13, therefore creating the impression that Figure 14 is missing. Thus, the corrected drawing of Figure 14 is submitted on a separate sheet. No new matter has been added.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the new Figure 14, the present application is believed to be ready for examination on the merits. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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